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COLUMBIA MAN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARM

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Columbia, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally possessing a firearm.

Varnell Louis Bradley, 28, of Columbia, was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City.

Today's indictment alleges that **Bradley** was in possession of a loaded Rossi revolver in Boone County, Mo., on Oct. 11, 2004. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Bradley** has two 2003 criminal felony convictions for domestic assault in Boone County.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney C. Douglas Shull. It was investigated by the Columbia, Mo., Police Department, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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